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Mr. William Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am writing to urge the Agency to declassify the study written by [redacted] on North Korean society. I received this from the Agency to read and believe it is a brilliant piece, which demonstrates clearly how repressive and repugnant a society North Korea is under Kim Il-Sung. I can attest to this from my own trip there several years ago.

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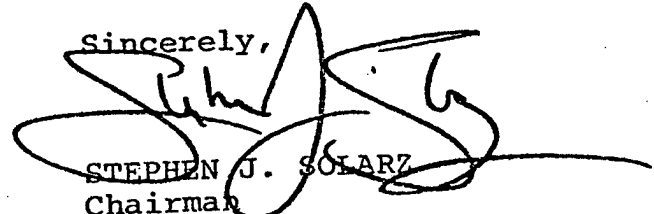
I think publication of this study will clearly serve United States interests by showing how close North Korea comes to George Orwell's description of 1984. Pyongyang has admitted more American visitors -- including some of Korean extraction -- in recent years in an effort to impress them with the country's material progress, which is real and can be seen by visitors. While few have come back singing the praises of North Korea, few have been able to penetrate deeply enough into North Korean life to show its many ugly features in the way that [redacted] study has.

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I do not see how declassification would endanger intelligence sources and methods in any general sense, although perhaps some deletions would be necessary. Therefore I urge you to have the Agency give this matter serious consideration so the grim truth about North Korea can become better known not only in general terms, but through reading this thoroughly researched and well-written study.

Sincerely,



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